

florus (Farwell) Shinnars in Am. Midl. Nat. **26**: 414. 1941 is made illegitimate by the prior publication of f. *albiflorus* R. Hoffm. Accordingly, he describes the new form, *A. puniceus* L., forma *candidus* Fernald l. c., of which the two ternary combinations based on Farwell's type become facultative synonyms.

This curious application of the rules, whereby three names, based on two different types, cancel each other out and are made unavailable, makes it necessary to create a name for the albino of *A. puniceus*, var. *firmus* (Nees) T. & G.

ASTER PUNICEUS L., var. FIRMUS (Nees) T. & G., forma **etiamalbus**, nom. nov. *A. puniceus*, var. *lucidulus*, f. *albiflorus* R. Hoffm. in Proc. Bost. Soc. Nat. Hist. **36**: 339. 1922, non *A. puniceus*, var. *albiflorus* Farwell in Rep. Mich. Acad. Sci. **17**: 171. 1916. —HASKELL VENARD, Atlanta, Georgia.

BASICLADIA IN MAINE.—In November, 1948, a common musk-turtle, *Sternotherus odoratus* (Latreille), was captured in Pushaw Stream in Old Town, Penobscot Co., Maine. This turtle bore a growth of alga on the marginal plates of the carapace and on the dorsal surface of the beak. The alga was identified by Dr. E. C. Ogden of the University of Maine as *Basycladia chelonum* (Collins) Hoffmann and Tilden. The turtle has been turned over to Dr. A. H. Gustafson of Bowdoin College for further study, in the hope that fruiting bodies of the alga may be found, as the literature indicates that such structures are as yet undescribed.

An examination of the literature indicates no previous record of this genus from Maine. In fact, no record was found from any New England state other than Massachusetts. Smith¹ cites *Basycladia* from Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, and Iowa. It does not seem reasonable that these scattered reports are indicative of true distribution and frequency of the alga. *Basycladia* has been found only on turtles, both those which spend almost all their life in the water, such as the musk-turtle, and those which have the "sunning" habit, as do the painted turtles. It is likely that an examination of more turtles will bring to light many new records for this alga.—R. M. CHUTE, Stillwater, Maine.

¹ SMITH, G. M., The Fresh-water Algae of the United States, p. 432 (1933).